

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**INTEGON NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY,**

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

v.

CAUSE NO. 3:24-CV-742-CWR-ASH

**CHERI GATLIN and JOSEPH S.
GATLIN,**

Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

**NATIONAL GENERAL HOLDINGS,
INC.,**

Third-Party Defendant.

ORDER

Before the Court is Integon National Insurance Company's motion to strike an improperly-filed motion to dismiss. Docket No. 8. Upon review, Integon's motion is granted.

Local Rule 7(b)(2)(A) provides: "the court will not recognize a motion included within the body of the answer, but only those raised by a separate filing." The Gatlins ran afoul of this Rule when they buried a motion in their answer. If they seek adjudication of a motion to dismiss, they must refile it separately along with the memorandum required by the Rules.

SO ORDERED, this the 2nd day of April, 2025.

s/ Carlton W. Reeves
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE